

# Memo

## Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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# Applications open for external assessment markers

## Purpose

- To notify teachers, schools and other eligible applicants that the QCAA is seeking applications to mark senior external assessment in 2023.
- To remind 2022 markers to reapply, as QCAA chief marker, lead marker and marker roles are annual appointments.

## Background

The QCAA employs and trains practising Queensland teachers and other eligible applicants (OEAs) with relevant experience (e.g. retired teachers, academics, teachers from other jurisdictions) to mark external assessment for General, General (Extension) and General (Senior External Examination) (SEE) syllabuses using an online marking platform.

## Information

In this appointment process, the QCAA is seeking applications for the following QCAA assessor (external assessment marking) roles:

- markers (including oral assessment markers for SEE Languages)
- lead markers
- chief markers.

Applicants should note that:

- chief markers, lead markers and markers for subjects scheduled in Week 4 of the marking operation will participate in full-day marking
- markers for SEE Languages oral assessment should also be available for the SEE Languages written assessment
- all markers must check they can be released from their school.

The external assessment timetable will be released in Term 2 on the QCAA website [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/assessment/external-assessment/timetable](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/assessment/external-assessment/timetable).

## Benefits of becoming a QCAA assessor

QCAA assessors can:

- gain practical insight into assessment in the QCE system
- increase their understanding about good assessment design and making judgments about student work
- gain CPD points for Queensland College of Teachers registration renewal
- network with other like-minded professionals
- share expertise with their school/colleagues
- earn extra income.

## Important dates

- Closing date: **Monday 7 August 2023**
- Offer rounds:
  - Round 1: July 2023
  - Round 2: August 2023
- Marking operation will run from early October to the end of November 2023 or until all scripts are marked.

## What you need to do

- Encourage teachers and OEAs to apply.
- Remind 2022 markers to reapply as marking is an annual appointment.
- See *QCAA assessors: Marking external assessment* on the QCAA website [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/assessment/qcaa-assessors/external-assessment-marking](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/assessment/qcaa-assessors/external-assessment-marking) for detailed information about eligibility requirements, selection and training, remuneration and the application process for practising Queensland teachers and other eligible applicants.

## Finding out more

For more information, including the position descriptions and FAQs, visit the [QCAA assessors: Marking external assessment](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/assessment/qcaa-assessors/external-assessment-marking) page on the QCAA website.

Alternatively, please email [externalassessment@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:externalassessment@qcaa.qld.edu.au).

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